Meeting Minutes
State Board of Education
August 13, 2026

John Robbins
President
Iowa Falls

Cassandra Halls
Carlisle

Jeff Henderson
Hiawatha

Jeremy Lindquist
Runnells

Mary Meisterling
Cedar Rapids

Erica Roth
Sioux Center

Cecelia Harris
Student Member (non-voting)
Spirit Lake

Beth Townsend
Iowa Workforce Development
(non-voling)

McKenzie Snow
Director and
Executive Officer

The State Board of Education meeting was held on August 13, 2026, at the Grimes State Office Building, Des Moines, Iowa. The meeting was conducted in person, with remote access information provided in the notice of the meeting.

State Board members present: John Robbins, Jeff Henderson, Jeremy Lindquist, and Cecelia Harris. Cassandra Halls and Erica Roth attended virtually.

Iowa Department of Education staff members present: McKenzie Snow, Heather Doe, Thomas Mayes, Tina Wahlert, Jay Pennington, Amy Gieseke, Lindsay Harrison, Amy Mayer, Joanne Tubbs, Liza Garcia and Julie McCauley.

State Board Business Meeting

John Robbins called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

Motion: Jeremy Lindquist made a motion and Jeff Henderson seconded to approve the agenda.

Vote: The ayes were unanimous. The motion carried.

John Robbins announced public comment for 30 minutes.

Public comments were made by: Paul Carroll, Julie Correa, and Cynthia Knight

Director's Report by Director Snow.

Consent agenda

June 18, 2026 Meeting Minutes

Appeal Decisions

Docket 5235 - In re Open Enrollment of C.H. & C.H.

Docket 5236 - In re Open Enrollment of L.P. & K.P.

Docket 5246 - In re Open Enrollment of E.V. & 8.V.

Motion: Jeremy Lindquist made a motion and Jeff Henderson seconded to approve the Consent Agenda.

Vote: The ayes were unanimous. The motion carried.

Rules: Notice of Intended Action • Chapter 12 (SF496 Implementation)

Motion: Jeff Henderson made a motion and Jeremy Lindquist seconded to give notice of its intent to amend Chapter 12.

Vote: The ayes were unanimous. The motion carried.

Rules: Notice of Intended Action - Chapter 12 (Technical Corrections)

Motion: Jeremy Lindquist made a motion and Cassandra Hall seconded to give notice of its intent to amend Chapter 12.

Vote: The ayes were unanimous. The motion carried.

Rules: Notice of Intended Action - Chapter 21

Motion: Jeff Henderson made a motion and Erica Roth seconded to give notice of its intent to amend Chapter 21.

Vote: The ayes were unanimous. The motion carried.

Rules: Notice of Intended Action - Chapter 41

Motion: Jeremy Lindquist made a motion and Jeff Henderson seconded to give notice of its intent to amend Chapter 41.

Vote: The ayes were unanimous. The motion carried.

Morningside University Educator Preparation Progress Monitoring Update

Motion: Cassandra Hall made a motion and Erica Roth seconded to award full approval to Morningside University educator preparation program through the 2031-32 academic year.

Vote: The ayes were unanimous. The motion carried.

Emmaus University Educator Preparation Program Approval

Motion: Jeff Henderson made a motion and Jeremy Lindquist seconded to grant Emmaus University's Teacher Preparation Program conditional approval for one year.

Vote: The ayes were unanimous. The motion carried.

Iowa Lakes Community College Conditional Accreditation Update

The matter was discussed.

K-12 Accreditation and Monitoring: Risk Assessment Process Overview

The matter was discussed.

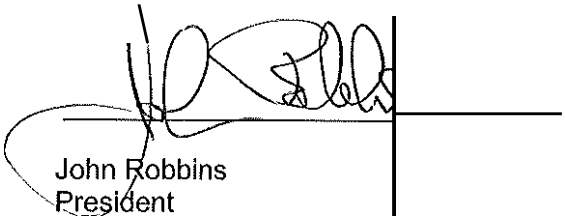
National Association of State Boards of Education Membership

The matter was discussed.

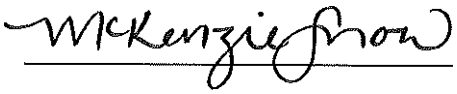
September Agenda Preview of State Board of Education Meeting

The matter was discussed.

Meeting adjourned at 11:51 a.m.



John Robbins
President



McKenzie Snow
Director